

Senate Study Bill 3100 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BROWN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting parking meter fees if snow is blocking the
2 parking meter.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 321.361A Parking meter fees
2 prohibited — snow blocking meter.

3 1. Notwithstanding section 321.236, subsection 1, section
4 321.239, or any other provision of law to the contrary, the
5 state or a local authority shall not charge a fee at a parking
6 meter unless there is a path that is clear of snow directly
7 from the metered parking space to the adjacent sidewalk, and
8 the area around the parking meter is clear of snow, so as to
9 allow a person who parks a vehicle in the metered parking space
10 unimpeded access to the appropriate parking meter.

11 2. A citation for a parking violation issued in violation of
12 this section is void and unenforceable.

13 EXPLANATION

14 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
15 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

16 Under current law, local authorities are specifically
17 authorized to regulate the standing or parking of vehicles
18 within their jurisdictions.

19 This bill prohibits the state or a local authority from
20 charging a fee at a parking meter unless there is a path that is
21 clear of snow directly from the metered parking space to the
22 adjacent sidewalk, and the area around the parking meter is
23 clear of snow, so as to allow a person who parks a vehicle in
24 the metered parking space unimpeded access to the appropriate
25 parking meter.

26 A citation for a parking violation issued in violation of the
27 bill is void and unenforceable.